

WORKSESSION

CITY OF MANISTEE PLANNING COMMISSION

70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan 49660

Thursday, April 18, 2002

6:00 p.m. - Council Chambers, City Hall

AGENDA

The City of Manistee Planning Commission will hold a worksession on Thursday, April 18, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan.

I Roll Call

The Planning Commission will take a Dial-A-Ride bus to the New High School on Twelfth Street for a tour. Once the tour is completed members will return to City Hall to continue the Worksession.

II Public Participation:

III Unfinished Business and Reports:


Prepared Statement for April 23, 2002 DEQ Public Hearing
Master Plan Update

IV New Business and Communications:

V Adjourn.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Planning Commission Members

FROM: Denise Blakeslee, Secretary
Community Development 

DATE: April 12, 2002

RE: Worksession April 18, 2002

The April Worksession of the Planning Commission will be on Thursday, April 18, 2002 at **6:00 p.m.** We will be taking Dial-A-Ride to the new High School for a tour then return to City Hall to finish the items of discussion.

Enclosed is draft of the Prepared Statement regarding the relocation of the PCA pipeline. Please review prior to the meeting and have your comments ready to finalize it at the meeting.

cc: City Manager

Prepared Statement
from the
City of Manistee, Planning Commission

Read by: Joyce Jeruzal, Secretary
at the DEQ's Public Hearing
Tuesday, April 23, 2002
at Manistee Township Hall

Good Evening!

My name is Joyce Jeruzal and I am speaking on behalf of the City of Manistee Planning Commission.

The City of Manistee Planning Commission would like to go on record as being opposed to the proposed relocation of the PCA pipeline from Lake Michigan to the Manistee River Channel.

The City of Manistee has invested millions of taxpayers dollars constructing a Riverwalk along the Manistee River Channel joining our downtown to the recreation facilities located at Douglas Park/First Street Beach. This past year the City has invested millions on the new Streetscape in our Central Business District. The buildings along the Manistee River have seen major improvements in recent years, their owners have invested their time, efforts, and finances by adding decks, making improvements to these buildings, with a long range goal of utilizing this property along the Manistee River for commercial/retail development. All of these investments would be negatively impacted by the relocation of the PCA pipeline to the Manistee River Channel.

Since the 1970's the City has worked to remove the image of an oppressed factory town that was severely devastated by the recession in the early 1980's. Today the "Victorian Port City", is a community that takes pride in their Historic Downtown and beautiful beaches. The Planning Commission is working diligently on the development of a new Master Plan that will preserve our community and develop a plan for our future.

The City's beaches and River Channel are two of the crown jewels that makes Manistee a unique place to live and visit. Please do not allow the relocation of the PCA pipeline to the Manistee River Channel that will negatively impact First Street Beach, Fifth Avenue Beach, the downtown business district, people who utilize the riverwalk, and our community.

We love Manistee and are proud to volunteer our time to make the City of Manistee the "Place to be". Thank you for the opportunity to express our concerns.



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TRANSMITTAL

To: Jon Rose, Community Development Director
City of Manistee
From: Jerry Adams
Re: City Master Plan
Date: April 18, 2002

Hi Jon:

Just a short memorandum to update you on the plan. First, we were able to set a date for a presentation at Manistee Catholic. We will be presenting the project to 10th, 11th, and 12th grade classes starting at 9:30 a.m., April 30th. We hope to visit the Manistee Public Highschool in the afternoon.

Instead of waiting for the class visits to be complete, we are going ahead with a draft report. At the present time we are writing-up the language for the land use areas the Planning Commission reviewed with Dan at their last meeting. Our goal is to finish and print a preliminary draft next week and either mail or drop off the copies. We may drop them off on the 30th before or after our school visits.

As a point of information, we are considering including a future land use map or other exhibit that depicts the future land use categories of the City along with the future land use categories of adjoining Filer and Manistee Townships. The map would contain a note referencing the source of the information. Any thoughts?

As always, it is a pleasure working for the City Planning Commission and staff.

Jerry